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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 13, 2004  
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Applicants have filed a request for continued examination in the above-referenced patent application. Prior to examination of the application on the merits, please consider the accompanying remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.